

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application also incorporates by reference the following patent applications:

~~Docket No. PBC-2000-108~~ U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/033,383, entitled "ENHANCED CMTS FOR RELIABILITY, AVAILABILITY, AND SERVICEABILITY," Liva et al., filed October 24, 2001; and U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/974,030, entitled "MULTIPLE INPUT, MULTIPLE OUTPUT CHANNEL, DIGITAL RECEIVER TUNER," Fabien Buda, filed October 10, 2001.